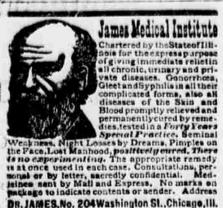
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#### DEATHS OF VICE-PRESIDENTS

Deaths and Funerals of Clinton and Gerry -What the Newspapers Said.

King's Strange Death-The Last Vice-Presidential Funeral-Something About Vice-President Wilson -His Last Hours.

The dotah of Vice-President Hendricks. says "Carp," the Washington correspondent of the Cleveland Leader, makes the story of such deaths in our past especially interesting. Five Vice Presdents have died in office, and in each case the deceased has been over sixty years of age. George Clinton, the vice president with Madison, who died in 1812, was seventy-four years old. Elbridge Gerry, who became vice president at the next election, died in 1814 at the age of seventy; Willian R. King, vice president with Frank Pierce, died at sixty-seven, in 1853, and Vice President Henry Wilson, who died here in 1375. was sixty-three years old at that time. Three of these vice presidents have died in November, and the other two in April, and strange to say the dates of their deaths are almost at the same time of the month. George Clinton died April 20, and William R. King on April 17. Henry Wilson died on the 22d of November, Elbridge Gerry on the 23d of November, and Thomas A. Hendricks on the 25th of THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENTIAL DEATH

THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENTIAL DEATH was that of George Cliaton. It took place here at Washington, and his death was the first occasion of the great destroyer's entering the high offices of the government. He had been the vice-president for nearly eight years, serving one term under Madison and one under Thomas Jefferson. He was as much, if not more, noted in the politics of the time than Vice-President Hendricks is in those of today Beginning life as a those of to day. Beginning life as a sailor in a privateer, he had been a brigadier general of the revolution, a member of the provincial congress, and for cighteen years governor of New York. He died at Washington on the 20th and was buried here in the Congressional cemetery on the 21st of November. In 1812 such a thing as keeping a corpse for weeks was unknown in this country, and both Gerry and Clinton were buried the next day after their death. The time Clinton died Washington city contained under ten thousand people, and the funeral could not have been a very grand one. The body was taken on its way to the grave from the city to the capitol, and here a rest of half an hour was taken. Thence it marched onward in a martial parale. A company of militia preceded the hearse, and the eight pall bearers who carried the coffin from the hearse to the grave were all revolutionary soldiers. The senate attended in a body, and on their return to the capitol they resolved that the vice president's chair in the sen-ate chamber be shrouded in black during the session of congress then assembled, and that each senator should wear mourning in the shape of a band of crepe on the arm for thirty days.

NOW VICE PRESIDENT GERRY DIED.

The second vice presidential death oc-curred two years later, and Madison's administration showed the curious coincidence of two vice presidents dying during its continuance. Mr. Gerry had presided over the senate on the day preceding his death, and he are breakfast at Mrs. Wilson's boarding house as usual, saying he felt well, but had a slight oppression of the chest. After breakfast he walked out to do some business at one of the government-departments. He had gone but a short distance before he be-came indisposed and took a carriage to When the carriage reached his boarding house he was found to be in-sensible, and on being taken from it he expired without a groan or sigh. This was between 10 and 11 o clock in the morning. The senate at once adjourned, but the house continued its session, though it adjourned for the funeral next day. The funeral took place at 3 o'clock and from the Intelligencer of that I see that the Rev. Obediah Brown pronounced the funeral service. Gerry was buried like Clinton, in the Congressional cemetery, and though in his day he was one of the greatest men, not a dozen statesmen in this capital city have seen his monument or know that he lies here. He was a graduate of Harvard college, a delegate to the continental congress, a signer of the declaration, and one of the makers of our constitution, though he refused to sign it. He had been several times in congress, once gov-ernor of Massachusetts, and also minis-ter to France before he was elected vice president, and his whole career had been a most stirring one. During his early days in congress he narrowly escaped from the British by hiding in a cornfield, when a body of troops captured the house where he was staying and were search-ing for him. He was the first to inaugurate as governor of Massachusetts the present political system of redistrict-ing a state's congressional districts for political purposes, and it is from Elbridge Gerry that the term "gerrymandering" comes. As a sample of the newspaper comes. As a sample of the newspaper enterprise of 1814 and 1812, contrasting with that of to-day, the chief paper of Washington city, where these two deaths occurred, contains about a quarter of a column the day after they died in regard to their deaths. It describes the funerals of both in less than fifty lines, and gives only the barest details. Three days after the death of Gerry John Galliard, of South Carolina, was elected president pro tem of the senate without discussion, and the Intelligencer does not consider the situation of enough matter for an

editorial. VICE PRESIDENT KING
did not die in Cuba, as some papers state.
He was in Cuba for his health at the
time of his election, and had resigned
from the senate some time before on account of ill health. He had consumption and at the time he was sworn in hetion, and at the time he was sworp in be fore a Consul in Cuba he did not expect to live and had to be prevailed upon to take the oath. He was too feeble to stand alone at the time and had to be supported while it was administered. He sailed for America and grew worse during the voyage. When he landed in Alabama it was evident that he would never get to Washington. He died the day after he landed. The departments were not closed in honor of his death, and he did not have a public funeral. He was the first back lor funeral. He was the first back for ever elected to one of the two highest offices of the nation and he had long been a senator, having served for more than ten years as president pro-tem of the senate before he was elected vice president. Like Hendricks, he had been a member of a constitutional convention of his state, and he was elected to his first term in the senate during the year in which, Vice President Hendricks was born.—He was for thirty years a United States senator, and had twenty-four years of continuous service, the four years of continuous service there. In addition to this he served five years in the lower house and two years as minister to France. He was six feet tall and very creet. He was a good talker, and was probably the great reminiscence man of his latter days.

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THE LAST VICE PRESIDENTIAL DEATH before that of Hendricks was that of Vice President Wilson, who died here in Washington just about ten years ago.
He had been sick for some time, and at New York had had an operation performed in which his spine was seared.
Itstarning to Washington after the oper-

ation he indiscreetly took a warm bath in the senate bath room. This weakened him, and his system did not recover from it. He was taken down sick at his board-ing house, and shortly afterwards died. His death occurred at 8:05 o'clock Monday morning. November 22d, 1873. The cause was set down as apoplexy. During his last nours be, like Hendricks, was working upon a volume of memoirs or history, and he hoped from these to leave some property. He said in his last hours that he would like to live to finish his book. Shortly before he died he picked up a hymnbook, in the front of which his wife's picture was pasted, and looked at it for a long time. Fifteen minutes before he died he heard of the minutes before he died he heard of the death of Senator Ferry, of Contacticut, and it is believed that this knowledge of the death of one of his dear friends hastened his death. The death of Ferry had occurred the day or night before, and his friends had deferred teiling him of it until the last moment. As morning went on and the time for the newspapers to come around approached it was seen that it would be impossible to keep the news from longer. He was told of it and was greatly shocked to hear it. Fifteen musules later he was dead. He spoke of his long life just be-fore he died and said: "Since I came to the senate, eighty-three of the members who first sat with me in the senate have passed away, and I don't suppose any living man except, perhaps, Hamlin, can say that." Vice President Wilson had a great funeral here, and he was carried with solemn celebrations to Boston. I think his body lay in state in Independence hall in Philadelphia, and at Boston he was received with great honor.

CURIOUS FACTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY There are many curious facts in American history. Here we have three vice presidents, Gerry, Hendricks, and Wilson, dying in Nevember at dates which might all come in a single week. No president either in or out of office has died in November, though six have died in July and four in June. Garfield died in September, Lincoln in April, Taylor in July, and Harrison in April. Two vice presidents have been indicted for treason. These were Aaron Burrand John C. Breckeuridge. One vice pres-ident, John C. Calhoun, has resigned his office, and seven men have held both presidential and vice presidential chairs. John Adams, Washington's vice president, succeeded him in the white house. Jefferson, Adams' vice president, did likewise, and Martin Van Buren, one of Jackson's vice presidents, was his successor. The other five became president by death. They were Tyler, Fulmore, Johnson, and Arthur.

#### An Important Crisis.

Detroit Free Press: The three of us had been tramping over the battlefield of Maivern Hill all day long, and as night came on there was every evidence of a steady, soaking rainstorm. We had to get shelter right away, and we found it in a small farm house owned by a widow. She was willing enough to furnish us supper, but when it came to lodgings, she was greatly embarrassed.

"You see," she said, "my house is very small. Indeed, I have only this room with a bedroom off."
"But can't we sleep in the barn?"
asked the colonel.

"I have no barn."
"But you can go to bed and let us sleep
on the floor in this room, can't you?" Yes, but-but-"Oh, you needn't be atraid of us, mad-

am," protested the colonel.
"It isn't that, sir, but—" She blushed like a rose, but none could understand until she said: "Well, to tell the truth, my beau will be here to-night.

'In this storm "" "Oh, yes. William would come if it rained pitchforks." "Well, we won't hurt William."

"No, sir; but we—that is, he will ex-pect to spark me, and—and—" "Exactly," said the colonel. "I see the situation. You don't want to disappoint William?"

"No, sir; I don't want to turn you gentlemen out, either. You see, sir, it's probably my only chance to get married, and it won't do to offend William. This is his sparking night and he's got to

come five miles. "Well, we won't stand in the way; we will hunt some other place."
"No, sir, you shall stay; but you see how it is. I think I can fix it. I'll take this room, and you three can have the

"What! Deprive you of sleep?"
"Oh, no, sir. William and I always

spark till daylight. If you would only fix it that way, sir." We did. After supper we locked ourselves into the bedroom, and, taking the pillows from the bed, lay down on the floor and slept like bricks until called to breakfast. When we went out the colbreakfast.

Well, did William show up?" "Y-yes, sir," she stammered, "and he asked me to m-mary him. If we hadu't fixed things maybe he'd waited a whole year longer. B-breakfast is ready, and I'll never forget your kindness to a poor widow!

She Vindicated Her Honor.

Toronto Week: In Russian Poland a ady recently became her own champion by fighting a duel with the man who had calumniated her. It appears he had offered his hand, which she had refused. Stung by her rejection, he set himself to spoil her good name by spreading false reports about her. Thereupon this plucky lady declared that a duel alone could vindicate her honor, and, refusing the assistance of several gentleman who were anxious to make her cause their own, she invited her traducer to "Pistols for two, and coffee for one." There was nothing for the man to do but accept the challenge, and the combatants met in a place outside Warsaw. Both missed their nim. The lady proposed a second shot, but the seconds declared that full reparation had been made, and she had to defer to their ruling. As for her adversary, he was so moved by her masculine gallantry that he tendered her a formal and ample apology on the spot. She accepted it. own, she invited her traducer to "Pis-

She accepted it. The Gem Crazy Quilt. The gem of the cruzy quilt exhibition in New York is one of elder down and pale blue silk embroidered with white, pale blue silk embroidered with white, the floral pattern filling the center and each corner. This was presented to the late John McCullough in India. An autograph quilt of delicately tinted silk in star pattern las the autographs of Queen Victoria and notabilities of all nations. This took the prize at the New Orleans exhibition, and is the work of Mrs. Wright of Minneapolis; who values it at \$1,000. A quilt containing 8,700 pieces of different uniforms is the work of soldiers in the British army in India, and \$3,000 is its price. and \$3,000 is its price.

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Took Off the Nights. Detroit Free Press: A Michigan avenue barber invented a preparation to remove grease and paint, and went to the printer to secure a proper label for his bottles. He had written about what he wanted and closed with:

and closed with:

"And people who wear clothes will find this an invaluable thing."

"Are there any people who don't wear clothes!" queried the printer.

"Oh, I see," replied the barber, after a little reflection, and he changed it to read. "All people who wear clothes in the

THE CELESTIAL EMPIRE.

The Travels of an Earsy of a Gun Mannfacturing Firm.

Fifteen Thousand Miles on a Camel -Experiences and Observations of Agent Harry Comstock.

Mr H. Comstock, the agent of an American gun manufacturing urm returned to San Francisco last week from China, where he had spent considerable time disposing of rines and ammunition to the Mongolians. According to his statements the Chinese are arming themselves rapidly with the most improved rifles, and there is great competition for the trade between European and Ameri-To a San Francisco Call reporter Mr.

To a San Francisco Call reporter Mr. Comstock said: "I had to deliver a supply of arms to Lieu Ming Chang, the miltary governor of Formosa, last December, and could not get through the lines. A steamer was regularly engaged in blockade running and always got through with safety. So the guns and munitions were packed on her and delivered at night. For their daring and success in these ventures three foreigners were recently adorned with the m dal of the orcently adorned with the m dal of the order of the dragon. It had been accorded only to the Chinese before. The three were J. J. Buckheister, who represents an American firm in China, a Dane and a German, whose names I have forgotten, LOOKING FOR A PRINCE,

My great trip was over a thousand miles of desert, when I was traveling in search of his excellency, the seventh prince of China, the father of the present boy emperor, with whom I had a business appointment. I was to have met him at Peking, but on arriving there, after much disconfort, I learned that he had gone to his summer residence at Chager Tai, in the Mongolian moun-tains, four handred miles away. I fol-lowed thither in company with three mandarins of high rank, two of whom were Prince Kung, the viceroy of For-mosa, and Lieu Ming Chang, the gov-ernor of that province, and a guard of fifty Barnus sian soldiers. The Barnus esians attend all high dignituries, but they are a vagabondish sort, and I was constantly arraid of being robbed by them. They were formerly armed with bows, arrows, spears, and such old-fash-ioned weapons, but lately they have been taught the use of improved guns, which they carried. We traveled along the top of the great wall of China for about three hundred miles. It is indeed a won-derful structure. It crosses rivers, valleys and mountains, and goes through forests for 1,900 miles, and pathways from it slope down to streams where travelers can obtain water. SLAYING WOLVES.

After a hot latiguing day, when we camped, we were warned by Mongolians that there were volves in a cave near by which would easily us off in the night as they had done other men. Against the requests and protestations of the Mongols, I took my ride and forty rounds of ammunition and went to the cave. The he-wolf was outside. I shot him, and when the female animal came out to see what the matter was, I killed her. Then feront into the cavern and captured several still cubs. From that time I was looked in to with reserence. captured several attice cubs. From that time I was looked up to with reverence.

The entire population of the adjoining village turned out to see the bearded foreign devil, as Chucasians were called, who had desktoyed the wolfish ravagers. These people ware all herdsmen. All Mongolia is a grazing country. The ani-nals they have are the camel, buffelo, yach, llamn, goafs and sheep, as well as some hogs, originally wild, but domesti-cated. The camel is not only a beast of burden, but furnishes wool, which is sheared early in June. It is a horrible animal for a novice to ride on long.

RIDING A CAMEL. After the first day the novelty ceases and the serious business begins. constant shaking throws your internal organization into a frightful state. The camel in traveling forward also sways from side to side. You grab him and hold on hard in order to keep yourself from being thrown in every direction Then you get tired and let go, and your liver is knocked about with great violence. I have estimated that for every mile the camel went, I travelled at least three times as much sidewise. Finally you get accustomed to the riding and it you get accustomed to the riding and it becomes very pleasant. The mule litter is an agreeable carriage. It is a chair with two long poles on each side which rest on the back of a mule. You have a donkey on either side of you. The animals are urged to jog along by little Mongolian boys. We arrived at Chager Tai ten days after leaving Peking.

It is a beautiful, cool, shaded spot in the mountains. Near it are medicinal hot springs. One pagoda there is about the finest and largest in China. In it are hung 192 bells, which chime when the wind is blowing, and they are hung high

wind is blowing, and they are hung high enough to catch the passing air every minute of the day.

MONGOLIAN MARRIAGE CEREMONY. One custom that I noted at first with surprise in China is that compelling the bridegroom to make a display of sham fighting for his bride before their marriage. This is a relic of a warlike age. The arrangements for every such union are made by the parents of the pair, and the young man is not allowed to see his sweetheart until the marriage ceremo-nies take place. In this country, you know, the courfing is done before wedlock and the fighting takes place after. There these order of things is reversed I was the guest of a Mongolian, a prince for whom a marriage had been arranged and was asked to be present at his wedding. He was very friendly with me on account of the incident of the wolves. The bride was placed in a new white tent outside of the village, and around it were stationed two dozen or more young men armed with spears. The prince, with about forty attendants, likewise armed, rode out and attacked them. The yelling became so fearful that I supposed the battle was in carnest, and was thinking of using my rifle in my host's cause, when the norse of voices and the clash of spears ceased and and as the dust cleared away I saw the bride led to a white pony in readiness for her. The party rode to

in readiness for her. The party rode to another tent where a grand feast of boiled rice, and sweetmeats was spread, and the banquet was concluded by wishing the couple health, happines and a large family.

A COUNTRY WITHOUT COINS.

In many parts of the Chinese Empire they have no coin; at all. Sheep, goats, dogs and other articles are exchanged for food and clothing. One form of currency is a capallof tea refuse. All the dust and drippings of a tea establishment are pressed into flat cakes, one inch thick, ten inches long and six inches wide, weighing five pounds. These cakes are used in Mongolia and Russian Siberia as money. The manufacture of them is entirely in the hands of Russians. They are carried several thousians. They are carried several thou-sand miles on camels into Siberia. There sand miles on camels into Siberia. There are no roadways there, so they travel over mountainous paths. The peasants of Russia principally purchase the stea. Little blocks of silver are also used in China for currency. There is an enormous amount of Mexican dollars there, and the supply of them is being constantly increased by Chinamen returning home.

DULL TIMES IN CHINA. Mr. Comstock said that there is a general stagnation of business and industry in China new in consequence of the late is been held

in general contempt, and he considered the change made will tend to raise the opinion of it entertained there.

THE PLUMED KNIGHT SPEECH Hastily Scribbled at Night After Long Procrastination.

A Cleveland Plain Dealer correspondent recalls the story of the making of Ingersoll's Blaine speech in 1876. Up to that time he had been simply a reason ably successful lawyer of Peoria, Ill. He was one of the republican delegates to the Cincinnati convention of 1876, and a strong Blaine man. He arrived in Cincinnati with several other Illinois delegates several days before the convention assembled. The city was full of people, and they were all having a high old time. The Blaine men had meetings every day, and did everything in their power to "boom" their candidate. It was finally decided to have the nominating speech made by some Illinois man, and the Illinois delegation settled upon Ingersoll.

There was present in the city Bob's favorite brother, who died a few years later, and at whose grave the great atheist delivered his world-renowned oration. He immediately told his brother of the selection, and that he had promised to deliver the speech. The brother, who was somewhat nervous, tried to persuade him not to try it.

"You are not famous enough," he per-suaded. "You are getting along and making a fair reputation, but this is too big a thing for you. I fear you will make a dead failure of it."

But Bob had promised and would not beek out

back out. "Well, if you are determined to do this, you must do your best. You must make a success. To do this you must get at it immediately. Don't wait a minute. Go into that room and lock the door, and begin the speech."
Oh, to-morrow will do," urged Bob, and besides I have promised to go with

the boys to-night." And away he went. The next day passed, and, although his brother spoke about the speech several times, Robert did not touch it. And so the time passed till the night before the convention. The brother, meanwhile, had got nearly frantic. Robert came in late that night and in answer to his brother's solicitation, said:

"Oh, brother; let's get a good night's sleep."
And so they retired. Ingersoll says that he never slept so soundly in his life as he did that night. Finally he woke up suddenly and felt perfectly refreshed. He got up hastily and looked at his watch. It was 3 o'clock a. m. He went to the adjoining room very quietly and closed the door, so as not to disturb his closed the door, so as not to disturb his brother. He turned the light down, and closing his eyes, inagined the great convention half, and his audience before him. Then he began to think of Blaine. Finally he began to say his speech over to himself. When he had linished he took pen and paper and wrote it out as carefully as he had said it. He laid it away in the drawer of the bureau and went quietly back to bed. It was now past 6 o'clock in the morning. He was very soon tast asleep again, and did not wake up till past 8, when his brother was standing over him, vigorously shaking standing over him, vigorously shaking

"Bob, get up, get up! It's 8:30, and the convention assembles at 10:30. I thought you were going to get up early and get your speech ready. It will be a dead failure, and we shall all be disgraced. Blaine will not be nominated. It's too bad, too bad."

Bob slowly waked up, and rubbing his eyes urged that it would be best first to get their breakfast. But the brother insisted that he should not leave the room until he got down to business on the speech. By this time Bob had donned his pantaloons and remarked.

"Well, you be the andience and sit over the form of the speech."

there and we will see what I can do He then started in and delivered the famous speech, word for word, as it was given that day in the convention, be-

"Massachusetts is proud of Benjamim
H. Bristow, so am I," etc.
He went on easily and rapidly until he reached the following:

"This is grand year—a year filled with the recollections of the revolution; filled with proud and tender memories of the past; with the sacred legends of liberty; a year in which the sons of freedom will drink from the fountain of enthusiasm; a year in which the people call for a man who has preserved in congress what our soldiers won upon the field." But the real climax of the speech was

the following:
"Like an armed warrior, like a plumed knight, James G. Blaine marched down the halls of the American congress and threw his shining lance full and fair against the brazen forcheads of the defamers of his country and the maligners of his honor.'

It is, perhaps, needless to say that the brother was completely captured. When Bob had finished he rushed to him, and, putting both of his arms around him, embraced him in the most enthusiastic "It is simply sublime," he cried: "but

when did you prepare it?"
"Oh, I scratched it off last night when you were asleep. Go to the drawer there and you will find the manuscript. While I dress please read it over and see that I delivered it correctly."

The great point with Ingersoll, my friend continued, is that he is always self-possessed. He never gets rattled.

Some of the greatest orators in this country have trembled before so great an occasion as this. Bob Ingersoll never said anything that gave him so much reputation as that hit about the 'plumed knight.' It has been quoted ever since, both by Biaine's friends and enemies. The convention went wild over it. But it could not make Blaine president.

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